

FULTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
130 PEACHTREE STREET, SW, **SUITE 2186**
ATLANTA, GA 30303
(404) 612-7020



TO: Candidates

FROM: Fulton County Supervisor of Elections

CURRENT DATE: August 31, 2021

RE: Election Information for General Municipal and Special Elections

ELECTION DATE: November 02, 2021

Enclosed in this candidate packet are the following:

- 2021 Voter Guide
- Early/Advance Voting Dates, Hours, & Locations (Includes Absentee Ballot Drop Box Locations)
- Fulton Votes (Fulton County's Voting App Informational Download Insert)
- Poll Watcher Guidelines and Poll Watcher's Request Form(s)
- Ordering of Voter List Instructions and Ordering Form
- Candidate's Campaign Signage Information
- Public Notice of Computation and Canvassing of Returns Information
- Georgia Election Codes
 - **21-2-408:** Poll Watchers; Designation, Duties; Removal for interference; etc.
 - **21-2-413:** Conduct of Voters, Campaigners, and Others at Polling Places Generally...
 - **21-2-414:** Restrictions on Campaign Activities, Giving of Food or Water, and Public...
 - **21-2-495:** Procedure for Recount or Recanvas of Votes, Losing Candidates Right to...

2021 Voter Guide

Greetings Fulton County Voters!

This is a guide to provide pertinent information pertaining to the General Municipal Elections to be held November 2, 2021.

Voter Registration Deadline: October 4, 2021

Polling Times: 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. (8:00 P.M. for City of Atlanta precincts)

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting will take place **Tuesday, October 12 – Friday, October 29, 2021.** (A detailed schedule of early voting locations, hours, etc. is provided in the proceeding pages of this guide).

SAMPLE BALLOT

When available, sample ballots will be posted on our website: **www.fultonelections.com**. To view the sample ballot specific to your precinct, go to: **www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP** and follow the instructions.

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

All municipal candidates qualify and file campaign reports with their respective Municipal Clerk. Contact the designated Municipal Clerk for questions regarding qualifying and Campaign Finance.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters over 65, disabled voters, military and overseas voters are able to request an absentee ballot once during an election cycle and will automatically receive a ballot for every election in that election cycle. All other voters can request an absentee ballot 11 weeks before an election. The deadline to submit an application for an absentee ballot and the last day for our office to mail out absentee ballots is 11 days prior to Election Day.

You can request an absentee ballot by calling the **Absentee Division** at **404-612-7060**.

You may also use the following Fulton County website to submit an Absentee Ballot application online at:

<https://fultoncountyga.gov/services/voting-and-elections/absentee-voting>.

Completed applications can be sent via **Fax to: 404-612-3697** or **Email: elections.absentee@fultoncountyga.gov**.

A physically disabled or illiterate elector may receive absentee ballot assistance from any person of the elector's choice, **EXCEPT** elector's employer or agent of employer, officer or agent of elector's union, candidate on the ballot or family member of candidate (unless disabled/illiterate elector is related to candidate).

Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Fulton County Absentee Ballot Unit no later than 7:00 PM (8:00 P.M. for City of Atlanta voters) on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Georgia law requires that you present one of the following forms of valid photo identification when you vote:

1. A Georgia driver's license (including an expired Georgia driver's license);
2. Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, to include:
 - a. A free Georgia voter identification card issued by your county's registrars;
 - b. Georgia State ID issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS);
 - c. A valid student ID card issued by a Georgia public college, university or technical school;
 - d. A valid out-of-state driver's license;
 - e. public transit issued photo ID card; and
 - f. Any other federal or state agency or government issued photo ID card.
3. A valid United States passport;
4. A valid employee photo identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;
5. A valid United States military photo identification card; or
6. A valid tribal photo identification card.

DISABLED VOTERS

Voters who are unable to sign their name, unable to see or mark a ballot, unable to operate the voting equipment, or enter the voting booth without assistance, can receive assistance from any person of the elector's choice EXCEPT elector's employer or agent of employer, officer or agent of elector's union, candidate or family member of candidate (unless disabled elector is related to candidate).

There are voting machines designed to accommodate those with disabilities. Please request a copy of our VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES brochure for the specifics.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES

You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to any given election in which you wish to vote. Your registration will remain active unless you do not vote in three election cycles.

You are eligible to vote in Georgia if you are:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident
- At least 18 years old (you may register at 17-1/2 years old) **HB 316 amends OCGA 21-2-216 (a) and (c) – as long as the registered voter will turn 18 on or before Election Day, they are eligible to vote in that election.*
- Have not been found to be mentally incompetent by the court
- Are not serving a sentence for a felony
- Meet all other State requirements, such as showing a photo ID

In order to change your address and or name and vote in your current resident precinct, you must file a change of address with the Department of Driver's Services (DDS), fill out a State Voter Registration application (online at www.fultonelections.com or www.sos.ga.gov; click on: Elections, Voter Info and Voter Registration.

OBSERVATION, VIEW AND TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

OBSERVATION OF COUNT – Appointed Tabulation Center Poll Watcher(s) may observe the tabulation of votes until all votes are tallied in the designated area of the Ballot Tabulation Center at 1365 English Street, Atlanta, GA 30318.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND VIEW OF ELECTION RESULTS

Fulton County Registration and Elections Department provides unofficial and official Election Results electronically at no cost.

Election Night - All results displayed on election night are UNOFFICIAL and include Absentee Ballots, but do not include Provisional Ballots.

Election night results may be obtained by:

1. **In person**: Fulton County Elections Preparation Center, 1365 English Street, Atlanta, GA
2. **Online**: www.fultonelections.com or www.sos.state.ga.gov/elections

Unofficial Precinct Returns

Returns will be available at 10:00 P.M. on election night.

Day after Election

All results displayed on our web on election night and the day after an election are UNOFFICIAL and includes Absentee Ballots, but does not include Provisional Ballots.

Absentee Ballots

The opening of absentee ballot envelopes begins at 8:00 a.m. on October 25, 2021 and tabulation of ballots will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day until all ballots are counted at the Fulton County Elections Preparation Center at 1365 English Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

Provisional Ballots

Will be tabulated beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election at the Fulton County Elections Preparation Center at 1365 English Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

Provisional voters have until 5:00 p.m. the Friday after the election to provide any required documentation. To check Provisional ballot status, voters may call 1-866-677-5328.

Provisional voting allows the voter to cast a ballot in person, even if all the requirements for doing so cannot be met at the time. The provisional ballot will count if the problem is solved within three days after Election Day.

The three most common reasons for voting a provisional ballot are:

1. Voter is unable to show one of the required forms of photo ID when voting in person;
2. When voter first registered to vote in Georgia, registration was by mail, the voter did not provide any identification at that time, and was unable to present acceptable identification the first time voter voted in person; or
3. Voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters in the precinct.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

**The Certification of election results is tentatively scheduled for
Friday, November 12, 2021**

**Please contact the Fulton County Registration and Elections Office
prior to certification to confirm the date, time and place at
(404) 612-7020 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

CONTACT US

MAIN OFFICE

130 Peachtree Street SW, Suite 2186
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: 404.612.7020 | **Fax:** 404.612.2545

VOTER REGISTRATION DIVISION

Phone: 404.612.3816 | **Fax:** 404.612.3697
Email: elections.voterregistration@fultoncountyga.gov

ABSENTEE BALLOT DIVISION

Phone: 404.612.7060
Email: elections.absentee@fultoncountyga.gov

ANNEX LOCATIONS

North Fulton Service Center
7741 Roswell Road, Room 251
Sandy Springs, GA 30350
Phone: 404.612.9067 | **Fax:** 770.551.7768

South Fulton Service Center
5600 Stonewall Tell Road, Room 105
College Park, GA 30349
Phone: 404.612.3050 | **Fax:** 770.306.3250

ELECTIONS PREPARATION CENTER

1365 English St, NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
Phone: 404.612.3130 | **Fax:** 404.351.8624

www.fultonelections.com

GENERAL MUNICIPAL/SPECIAL ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

FULTON VOTES 2021

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integrity
security
efficiency

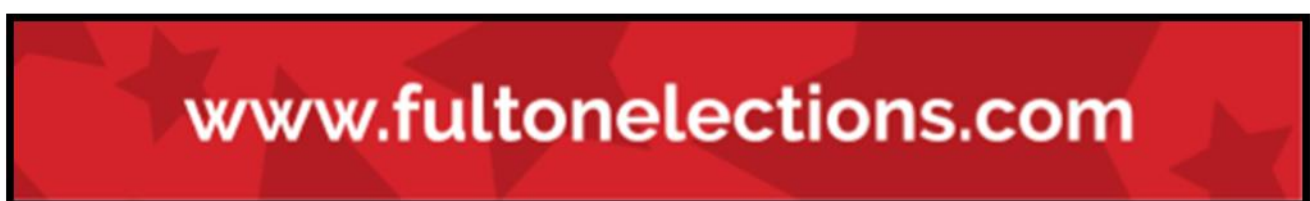
Advance Voting Hours and Locations

Tuesday – Friday, October 12 – 15, 2021	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Monday – Friday, October 18 – 29, 2021	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 16 & October 23, 2021	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 17 & October 24, 2021	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

ASTERISK* INDICATES ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION

Adams Park Library* 2231 Campbellton Road SW Atlanta, GA 30311	Alpharetta Branch Library* 10 Park Plaza Alpharetta, GA 30009	Buckhead Library* 269 Buckhead Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30305
C. T. Martin Natatorium Recreation Center* 3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30311	Chastain Park Recreation Gym 140 Chastain Park Avenue NW Atlanta, GA 30342	East Point Library 2757 Main Street East Point, GA 30344
East Roswell Branch Library* 2301 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, GA 30076	Etris-Darnell Community Recreation 5285 Lakeside Drive Union City, GA 30291	Gladys S. Dennard Library at South Fulton 4055 Flat Shoals Road Union City, GA 30291
Metropolitan Library 1332 Metropolitan Parkway SW Atlanta, GA 30310	Milton Library 855 Mayfield Road Milton, GA 30009	New Beginnings Senior Center* 66 Brooks Drive Fairburn, GA 30213
North Fulton Service Center 7741 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350	Northside Library 3295 Northside Parkway, NW Atlanta, GA 30327	Northwest Branch at Scotts Crossing 2489 Perry Boulevard, NW Atlanta, GA 30318
Palmetto Library 9111 Cascade Palmetto Highway Palmetto, GA 30268	Park Place at Newtown 3125 Old Alabama Road Johns Creek, GA 30022	Ponce De Leon Library 980 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30306
Robert F. Fulton Ocee Library 5090 Abbotts Bridge Road Johns Creek, GA 30005	Roswell Branch Library 115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075	Sandy Springs Library* 395 Mount Vernon Highway NE Sandy Springs, GA 30328
South Fulton Service Center 5600 Stonewall Tell Road College Park, GA 30349	Southwest Arts Center 915 New Hope Road SW Atlanta, GA 30331	Wolf Creek Library* 3100 Enon Road Atlanta, GA 30331

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POLL WATCHER'S GUIDELINES

In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-408 and State Election Board Rules 183-1-13-.03 and 183-1-13-.04, a Poll Watchers must comply with the following guidelines:

- 1) A Poll Watcher must present a letter and badge (badge must be worn at all times) bearing his/her name and assigned precinct prior to being permitted inside the polling area.
- 2) No more than two official poll watchers may be appointed by each Political Party or Political Body to serve in each precinct. Only one official poll watcher may be appointed by each Independent or Non-Partisan candidate to serve in each precinct.
- 3) A Poll Watcher may be permitted behind the enclosed area for the purpose of observing the conduct of the election and the counting and recording of such votes as long as he/she does not interfere with the conduct of an election.
- 4) In order to ensure that the conduction of the election is not interfered with, the Poll Manager and the Election Supervisor have the authority to limit access to any election or voting area.
- 5) A Poll Watcher may observe the operations at the various stations set-up in the voting area.
- 6) A Poll Watcher may observe the close-out operations.
- 7) A Poll Watcher shall not interfere with the conduct of the election.
- 8) Poll Watchers are prohibited from talking to voters, checking or inspecting the electors list, numbered list, or any other documents utilized in the election process.
- 9) Poll Watchers are prohibited from using cellular phones, photographic or electronic monitoring or recording devices while behind the enclosed area or while observing at a polling place.
- 10) Poll Watchers are not to participate in any form of campaigning while they are behind the enclosed area of a polling place.
- 11) Poll Watchers should report any suspected infractions or irregularities to the Elections Supervisor at (404) 612-7020 immediately.
- 12) Harassment of poll workers will not be tolerated. The Poll Manager has the authority to; request that a Poll Watcher leave or be removed, if he refuses to leave a polling place for interfering with the conduct of an election.



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POLL WATCHER'S REQUEST FORM

Poll Watcher request forms must be submitted via email to the Elections Chief at the following email address: Nadine.Williams@fultoncountyga.gov.

For **Early/Advanced Voting** which begins on **(Tuesday) October 12, 2021** for the *November 02, 2021 General and Special Elections*; requests for each poll watcher must be submitted by **5:00PM** on **Wednesday, October 06, 2021**, and will be available for pickup on **Monday, October 11, 2021**, at Fulton County's Registration and Elections Main Office located at: 130 Peachtree Street SW, Suite 2186, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Badges for **Election Day** poll watchers must be submitted by **5:00PM** on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**, and will be available for pick-up beginning **Monday, November 01, 2021** at Fulton County's Registration and Elections Main Office located at: 130 Peachtree Street SW, Suite 2186, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Dear Supervisor of Elections,

I, request that the person listed below, **HAVING COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED THE REQUIRED POLL WATCHER'S TRAINING** as mandated by: O.C.G.A. §21.2.408(b)(B); be designated as a Poll Watcher in the following precincts/locations during Early Voting, on Election Day, or the Elections Tabulation Center on Election Night.

Note: If you would like to assign one poll watcher to serve at all precincts/locations, please indicate ALL on the precinct name line below. **(THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED)**

POLL WATCHER INFORMATION:

Poll Watcher's Name:	
Address	
Apt/Unit/Suit	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone Contact:	
Email Address:	

PRECINCT(S) ASSIGNED: (Additional Precinct Designations May Be Continued on the Attached Sheet)

Go to fultonelections.com, click on “Find My Polling Place,” and click on banner “Voting District Map Viewer,” where red dots will populate for precinct locations. Click on each dot to open property/precinct information.

Precinct Code:	
Precinct Name:	
Precinct Address:	
City, State, Zip:	

I understand that complaints and/or infractions shall be reported to the **Fulton County Elections Office** at **(404) 612-7020** at the time of the occurrence so that they may be addressed at that time.

Printed Name of Candidate or Organization Chair

Date

Signature of Candidate or Organization Chair

Date



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POLL WATCHER'S ADDITIONAL PRECINCT DESIGNATIONS (CONTINUE HERE)

Note:

This Form May Be Copied and Used for Additional Poll Watcher Location Designations.
(Please include the previous page which includes the guidelines and the required Signature Page)

POLL WATCHER INFORMATION:

Poll Watcher's Name:	
Address	
Apt/Unit/Suit	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone Contact:	
Email Address:	

PRECINCT(S) ASSIGNED:

Precinct Code:	
Precinct Name:	
Precinct Address:	
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Precinct Address:	
City, State, Zip:	



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(404) 612-3816

ORDERING VOTER'S LIST

Contact Person:	<u>Thomas Johnson, II</u>	Phone: (404) 612-4083
Alternate:	<u>Shamira Marshall</u>	Phone: (404) 612-7791
North Annex:	<u>Evelyn Goodloe</u>	Phone: (404) 612-9067
South Annex:	<u>Mallory Magwood</u>	Phone: (404) 612-3050

By law, voter registration lists are available to the public and contain the following information: voter name, residential address, mailing address if different, race, gender, registration date and last voting date. The list does not include telephone numbers, date of birth, Social Security number or Driver's License number. The list includes Active and Inactive Voters. The pricing is set by the Secretary of State office. This data may not be used by any person for commercial purposes. O.C.GA 21-2-225 (c) In accordance with O.C.GA 21-2-601, any person who uses the list of electors provided for in O.C.GA 21-2-225 for commercial purposes shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1. OUTPUT MEDIA:

Electronic files are available on CD ROM. The purchaser will need to have a database management software (ex. Access) or spreadsheet software (ex. Excel) available to read the files. A layout of the file is provided. Orders can be placed through the local county voter registration office or directly from the Secretary of State (<https://georgiasecretaryofstate.net/collections/voter-list-1>)

2. SELECTION CRITERIA, CURRENTLY REGISTERED VOTERS OR VOTERS FROM SPECIFIC ELECTIONS.

- A. Entire County
- B. Congressional Districts
- C. State Senate Districts
- D. State House Districts
- E. County Education District
- F. All Municipalities in Fulton
- G. County Commission Districts
- H. Municipal Council Districts
- I. Atlanta Education Districts
- J. Individual Precincts

3. SPECIAL SELECTION CRITERIA

(A) Sex (B) Age, (C) Race, (D) Voters who voted in only one specific Election, or a combination of elections (limit five), may also be requested. You must specify which elections you want to pull from, either by the name or date of the election (s). All requested files are \$50.00.

4. COST

A cost estimate will be provided at the time of ordering. When option requested is a combination of elections, it is not always possible to accurately estimate the number of voters that the request will generate. Costs of the lists are based on the total numbers of names. Each precinct or district is a separate order.

If you are planning a mailing to voters, it may be less expensive to use a mailing house (The postage discounts may cover the cost). Visit yellowpages.com for a complete list of Direct Mail Advertising options.

5. PAYMENTS

FULL PAYMENT is required at the time of ordering; cash, check or money order. Payment for County information ordered and printed by the county are to be made payable to **Fulton County Finance**; if printed by the State, payments should be made payable to **Secretary of State**. In instances where the number of voters will not be known until the list is actually printed, we will accept payments based on anticipated output and hold the funds until the order is produced. When we notify you to pick up the order, we will let you know if the anticipated amount is correct (or if we need a new check).

✓ Returned checks:

A \$35.00 fee in addition to the amount of the check must be paid prior to processing of any future orders by agent and or candidates. We will permit agent to order future list by complete cash payment for other candidates only. Orders not picked up or paid for in full will forfeit the right to place future orders until account is paid in full. The Georgia Secretary of State charges \$40.00 for returned checks.

6. APPROVAL OF ORDER

Approval of order is required at time of placing order. Agent's signature or Candidates signature is required on all orders. A signature indicates order has been verified as correct.

7. TURN AROUND TIME

- A. Files processed by Fulton County will be available for pickup after 12:00PM. on the third day after receipt of payment. If you request that the order be sent to one of the Service Centers or mailed to you, it will take an additional day(s).
- B. Files processed by Georgia Secretary of State are processed **ONLY** over the weekend and will be ready for pick up the following Monday or Tuesday.

8. PICKUP OF ORDER

We encourage you to plan ahead to ensure receipt of your order when you want it. Generally, lists are ordered and picked up from the downtown location (address above); however, you may transact business at the North or South Service Centers. You may do so with the understanding that receipt of your order may be delayed by a day. Once you take a list out of this office, you are responsible for it. By your signature, you release the County from all responsibility for your purchase.

NOTE: CD'S ordered from the Secretary of State may have a turnaround of approximately seven (7) business days. The contact information for the Secretary of State is listed below:

SECRETARY OF STATE
(Elections Division)
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 802, West Tower
Atlanta, Ga. 30334-1505
(404) 656-2871
www.sos.ga.gov



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ORDERING FORM

DATE: _____

Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

(Please No P. O. Boxes)

Email Address: _____

Contact Person (If Different): _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Extension:** _____

Payment Amount: _____ **(Payment Must Be Received Before Request Is Processed)**

Check Number: _____ **Money Order Number:** _____

**Electronic File Only Includes Date Last Voted for Each Registered Voter.
There Is Approximately A Three-Day Processing Period.**

Description of Order

Receipt of a copy of the instructions for purchasing voter list is hereby acknowledged. Furthermore, it is understood and agreed to that the said list will be checked upon receipt for accuracy and correctness as to what was ordered. If the county is in the process of redistricting, I do understand that the information I receive, may not be the most up to date voter information.

The undersigned hereby agrees to hold Fulton County harmless from any and all claims by any person whatsoever arising out of the use or purchase of this order.

Signature of Purchaser/Representative

County Official

Warning: In accordance with §21-2-601 of the Georgia Elections Code, any person who uses the list of electors provided for in §21-2-225 for commercial purposes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.



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CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE



Please consult with your local Code Enforcement and/or Municipal Planning Department regarding restrictions on Campaign Signs.



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State of Georgia
Fulton County

Public Notice

Computation and Canvassing of Returns

Pursuant to **O.C.G.A. 21-2-492**, notice is hereby given that the computation and canvassing of the returns of votes cast in the **November 02, 2021 General Municipal and Special Elections** will take place at the:

Fulton County Elections Preparation Center (EPC)

1365 English Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

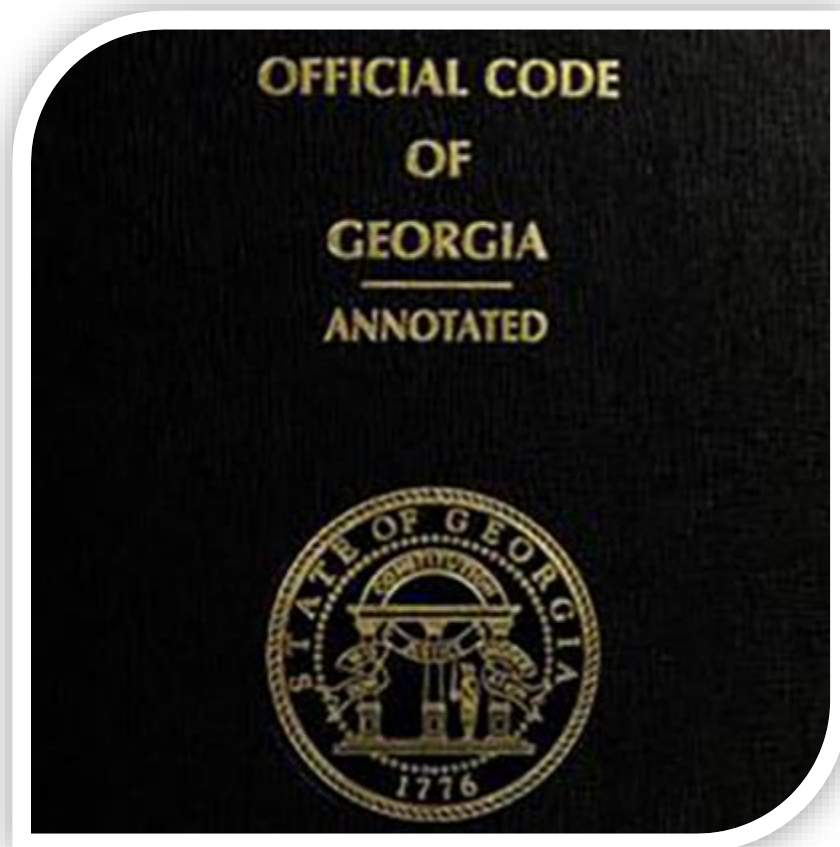
Tuesday, November 02, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Barron".

Richard Barron, Director

Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections

GEORGIA ELECTION CODES



- **GA - Official Code of Georgia Annotated**
- **TITLE 21. ELECTIONS**
- **CHAPTER 2. ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES GENERALLY**
- **ARTICLE 11. PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS**
- **PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 21-2-408.

Poll watchers; designation; duties; removal for interference with election; reports of infractions or irregularities; ineligibility of candidates to serve; training

(a)

(1) In a primary or run-off primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each precinct in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee at least 21 days prior to such primary or 14 days prior to such run-off primary. The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each precinct, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary. At least three days prior to the primary, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

(2) In a primary or run-off primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380 in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee at least 21 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a primary or 14 days prior to such period in a run-off primary. The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such advance voting period for a primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each advance voting location, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary. At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

(b)

(1) In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct. In addition, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct. Each poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the appropriate political party or body chairperson and secretary, if a party or body designates same, or by the independent or nonpartisan candidate, if named by the independent or nonpartisan candidate. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and date of election or run-off election. At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

(2) In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body, which body is registered pursuant to Code Section 21-2-110 and has nominated a candidate for state-wide office, shall additionally be entitled to designate, at least

14 days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall also be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers. In addition, candidates running in a state-wide nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers. All such designations of state-wide poll watchers shall be in writing and made and submitted to the State Election Board. A state-wide poll watcher shall have the same powers and duties as poll watchers and shall be entitled to watch the polls in any precinct in the state but shall otherwise be subject to all limitations and prohibitions placed on poll watchers; provided, however, that no more than two state-wide poll watchers of a political party or body, of an independent candidate, or of a nonpartisan candidate shall be in the same polling place simultaneously. Each state-wide poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the chairperson of the State Election Board. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official state-wide poll watcher, address, a statement that such poll watcher is a state-wide poll watcher, and date of election or run-off election. At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of each county in which the poll watcher might serve.

(3) (A) In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380 to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. In addition, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. Each poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the appropriate political party or body chairperson and secretary, if a party or body designates same, or by the independent or nonpartisan candidate, if named by the independent or nonpartisan candidate. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and date of election or run-off election. At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

(B) In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body, which body is registered pursuant to Code Section 21-2-110 and has nominated a candidate for state-wide office, shall additionally be entitled to designate, at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election or run-off election, no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall also be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period. In addition, candidates running in a state-wide nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period. All such designations of state-wide poll watchers shall be in writing and made and submitted to the State Election Board. A state-wide poll watcher shall have the same powers and duties as poll watchers and shall be entitled to watch any advance voting location in the state but shall otherwise be subject to all limitations and prohibitions placed on poll watchers; provided, however, that no more than two state-wide poll watchers of a political party or body, of an independent candidate, or of a nonpartisan candidate shall be in an advance voting location simultaneously. Each state-wide poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the chairperson of the State Election Board. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official state-wide poll watcher, address, a statement that such poll watcher is a state-wide poll watcher for advance voting, and date of election or run-off election. At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and chief registrar of each county in which the poll watcher might serve.

(c) In counties or municipalities using direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems or optical scanning voting systems, each political party may appoint two poll watchers in each primary or election, each political body may appoint two poll watchers in each election, each nonpartisan candidate may appoint one poll watcher in each nonpartisan election, and each independent candidate may appoint one poll watcher in each election to serve in the locations designated by the superintendent within the tabulating center. Such designated locations shall include the check-in area, the computer room, the duplication area, and such other areas as the superintendent may deem necessary to the assurance of fair and honest procedures in the tabulating center. The locations designated by the superintendent shall ensure that each poll watcher can fairly observe the procedures set forth in this Code section. The poll watchers provided for in this subsection shall be appointed and serve in the same manner as other poll watchers.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, a poll watcher may be permitted behind the enclosed space for the purpose of observing the conduct of the election and the counting and recording of votes. Such poll watcher shall in no way interfere with the conduct of the election, and the poll manager may make reasonable regulations to avoid such interference. Without in any way limiting the authority of poll managers, poll watchers are prohibited from talking to voters, checking electors lists, using photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, using cellular telephones, or participating in any form of campaigning while they are behind the enclosed space. If a poll watcher persists in interfering with the conduct of the election or in violating any of the provisions of this Code section after

being duly warned by the poll manager or superintendent, he or she may be removed by such official. Any infraction or irregularities observed by poll watchers shall be reported directly to the superintendent, not to the poll manager. The superintendent shall furnish a badge to each poll watcher bearing the words "Official Poll Watcher," the name of the poll watcher, the primary or election in which the poll watcher shall serve, and either the precinct or tabulating center in which the poll watcher shall serve or a statement that such poll watcher is a state-wide poll watcher. The poll watcher shall wear such badge at all times while serving as a poll watcher.

(e) No person shall be appointed or be eligible to serve as a poll watcher in any primary or election in which such person is a candidate. **No person shall be eligible to serve as a poll watcher unless he or she has completed training provided by the political party, political body, or candidate designating the poll watcher.** Upon request, the Secretary of State shall make available material to each political party, political body, or candidate that can be utilized in such training but it shall be the responsibility of the political party, political body, or candidate designating the poll watcher to instruct poll watchers in their duties and in applicable laws and rules and regulations. **Each political party, political body, or candidate shall, in their written designation of poll watchers, certify under oath that the named poll watchers have completed the training required by this Code section.**

History

Code 1933, § 34-1310, enacted by Ga. L. 1969, p. 308, § 8; Ga. L. 1977, p. 1053, § 8; Ga. L. 1978, p. 1004, § 35; Ga. L. 1979, p. 955, § 6; Ga. L. 1981, p. 1718, § 5; Ga. L. 1982, p. 1512, § 5; Ga. L. 1995, p. 1027, § 10; Ga. L. 1997, p. 590, § 35; Ga. L. 1998, p. 295, § 1; Ga. L. 1998, p. 1231, §§ 17, 40; Ga. L. 1999, p. 52, § 14; Ga. L. 2001, p. 240, § 37; Ga. L. 2001, p. 269, § 22; Ga. L. 2003, p. 517, § 44; Ga. L. 2005, p. 253, § 57/HB 244; Ga. L. 2021, p. 14, § 32/SB 202.

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- **GA - Official Code of Georgia Annotated**
- **TITLE 21. ELECTIONS**
- **CHAPTER 2. ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES GENERALLY**
- **ARTICLE 11. PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS**
- **PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 21-2-413.

Conduct of voters, campaigners, and others at polling places generally

- (a) No elector shall be allowed to occupy a voting compartment or voting machine booth already occupied by another except when giving assistance as permitted by this chapter.
- (b) No elector shall remain in a voting compartment or voting machine booth an unreasonable length of time; and, if such elector shall refuse to leave after such period, he or she shall be removed by the poll officers.
- (c) No elector except a poll officer or poll watcher shall reenter the enclosed space after he or she has once left it except to give assistance as provided by this chapter.
- (d) No person, when within the polling place, shall electioneer or solicit votes for any political party or body or candidate or question, nor shall any written or printed matter be posted within the room, except as required by this chapter. The prohibitions contained within Code Section 21-2-414 shall be equally applicable within the polling place and no elector shall violate the provisions of Code Section 21-2-414.
- (e) No person shall use photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cameras, or cellular telephones while such person is in a polling place while voting is taking place; provided, however, that a poll manager, in his or her discretion, may allow the use of photographic devices in the polling place under such conditions and limitations as the election superintendent finds appropriate, and provided, further, that no photography shall be allowed of a ballot or the face of a voting machine or DRE unit or electronic ballot marker while an elector is voting such ballot or machine or DRE unit or using such electronic ballot marker, and no photography shall be allowed of an electors list, electronic electors list, or the use of an electors list or electronic electors list. This subsection shall not prohibit the use of photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cameras, or cellular telephones by poll officials for official purposes.
- (f) All persons except poll officers, poll watchers, persons in the course of voting and such persons' children under 18 years of age or any child who is 12 years of age or younger accompanying such persons, persons lawfully giving assistance to electors, duly authorized investigators of the State Election Board, and peace officers when necessary for the preservation of order, must remain outside the enclosed space during the progress of the voting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any elector shall be permitted to be accompanied into the enclosed area and into a voting compartment or voting machine booth while voting by such elector's child or children under 18 years of age or any child who is 12 years of age or younger unless the poll manager or an assistant manager determines in his or her sole discretion that such child or children are causing a disturbance or are interfering with the conduct of voting. Children accompanying an elector in the enclosed space pursuant to this subsection shall not in any manner handle any ballot nor operate any function of the voting equipment under any circumstances.
- (g) When the hour for closing the polls shall arrive, all electors who have already qualified and are inside the enclosed space shall be permitted to vote; and, in addition thereto, all electors who are then in the polling place outside the enclosed space, or then in line outside the polling place, waiting to vote, shall be permitted to do so if found qualified, but no other persons shall be permitted to vote.
- (h) It shall be the duty of the chief manager to secure the observances of this Code section, to keep order in the polling place, and to see that no more persons are admitted within the enclosed space than are permitted by this chapter. Further, from the time a polling place is opened until the ballots are delivered to the superintendent, the ballots shall be in the custody of at least two poll officers at all times.

(i) No person except peace officers regularly employed by the federal, state, county, or municipal government or certified security guards shall be permitted to carry firearms within 150 feet of any polling place as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-11-127.

History

Code 1933, § 34-1319, enacted by Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 26, § 1; Code 1933, § 34-1313, as redesignated by Ga. L. 1969, p. 308, § 20; Ga. L. 1975, p. 807, § 1; Ga. L. 1978, p. 1004, § 25; Ga. L. 1978, p. 1039, § 3; Ga. L. 1985, p. 496, § 15; Ga. L. 1986, p. 32, § 1; Ga. L. 1992, p. 1815, § 5; Ga. L. 1998, p. 295, § 1; Ga. L. 2001, p. 240, § 40; Ga. L. 2003, p. 517, § 46; Ga. L. 2012, p. 995, § 30/SB 92; Ga. L. 2015, p. 805, § 12/HB 492; Ga. L. 2019, p. 7, § 35/HB 316.

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§ 21-2-414.

Restrictions on campaign activities, giving of food or water, and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling place; cellular phone use prohibited; prohibition of candidates from entering certain polling places; penalty

(a) No person shall solicit votes in any manner or by any means or method, nor shall any person distribute or display any campaign material, nor shall any person give, offer to give, or participate in the giving of any money or gifts, including, but not limited to, food and drink, to an elector, nor shall any person solicit signatures for any petition, nor shall any person, other than election officials discharging their duties, establish or set up any tables or booths on any day in which ballots are being cast:

- (1) Within 150 feet of the outer edge of any building within which a polling place is established;
- (2) Within any polling place; or
- (3) Within 25 feet of any voter standing in line to vote at any polling place.

These restrictions shall not apply to conduct occurring in private offices or areas which cannot be seen or heard by such electors.

(b) Rooms under the control or supervision of the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk in which absentee ballots are being cast shall be considered polling places.

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(1) No person shall conduct any exit poll or public opinion poll with voters within 25 feet of the exit of any building in which a polling place is established on any day in which ballots are being cast.

(2) Except for credentialed poll watchers, poll workers, and law enforcement officers, poll managers may manage the number of persons allowed in the polling place to prevent confusion, congestion, and inconvenience to voters.

(d) No person whose name appears as a candidate on the ballot being voted upon at a primary, election, special primary, or special election, except a judge of the probate court serving as the election superintendent, shall physically enter any polling place other than the polling place at which that person is authorized to cast his or her ballot for that primary, election, special primary, or special election and, after casting his or her ballot, the candidate shall not return to such polling place until after the poll has closed and voting has ceased or other than to transact business with the board of registrars, so long as the person does not violate any other provision of this Code section. Judges of the probate court serving as election superintendents shall enter polling places only as necessary to fulfill their duties as election superintendents and shall not engage in any practice prohibited by this Code section.

(e) This Code section shall not be construed to prohibit a poll officer from distributing materials, as required by law, which are necessary for the purpose of instructing electors or from distributing materials prepared by the Secretary of State which are designed solely for the purpose of encouraging voter participation in the election being conducted or from making available self-service water from an unattended receptacle to an elector waiting in line to vote.

(f) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History

Ga. L. 1956, p. 333, § 1; Ga. L. 1961, p. 557, § 1; Code 1933, §§ 34-1307, 34-1938, enacted by Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 26, § 1; Ga. L. 1969, p. 308, § 3; Ga. L. 1977, p. 174, § 1; Ga. L. 1978, p. 1039, § 1; Ga. L. 1984, p. 674, § 1; Ga. L. 1985, p. 632, § 5; Ga. L. 1986, p. 32, § 1; Ga. L. 1986, p. 382, § 4; Ga. L. 1988, p. 647, § 3; Ga. L. 1989, p. 1084, § 3; Ga. L. 1993, p. 712, § 1; Ga. L. 1994, p. 1406, § 25; Ga. L. 1998, p. 295, § 1; Ga. L. 2001, p. 240, § 41; Ga. L. 2003, p. 517, § 47; Ga. L. 2005, p. 253, § 58/HB 244; Ga. L. 2010, p. 914, § 22/HB 540; Ga. L. 2012, p. 995, § 31/SB 92; Ga. L. 2016, p. 173, § 5/SB 199; Ga. L. 2017, p. 697, § 19/HB 268; Ga. L. 2021, p. 14, § 33/SB 202.

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§ 21-2-495.

Procedure for recount or recanvass of votes; losing candidate's right to a recount; rules and regulations

(a) In precincts where paper ballots or scanning ballots have been used, the superintendent may, either of his or her own motion or upon petition of any candidate or political party, order the recount of all the ballots for a particular precinct or precincts for one or more offices in which it shall appear that a discrepancy or error, although not apparent on the face of the returns, has been made. Such recount may be held at any time prior to the certification of the consolidated returns by the superintendent and shall be conducted under the direction of the superintendent. Before making such recount, the superintendent shall give notice in writing to each candidate and to the county or municipal chairperson of each party or body affected by the recount. Each such candidate may be present in person or by representative, and each such party or body may send two representatives to be present at such recount. If upon such recount, it shall appear that the original count by the poll officers was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly.

(b) In precincts where voting machines have been used, whenever it appears that there is a discrepancy in the returns recorded for any voting machine or machines or that an error, although not apparent on the face of the returns, exists, the superintendent shall, either of his or her own motion or upon the sworn petition of three electors of any precinct, order a recanvass of the votes shown on that particular machine or machines. Such recanvass may be conducted at any time prior to the certification of the consolidated returns by the superintendent. In conducting such recanvass, the superintendent shall summon the poll officers of the precinct; and such officers, in the presence of the superintendent, shall make a record of the number of the seal upon the voting machine or machines and the number of the protective counter or other device; shall make visible the registering counters of each such machine; and, without unlocking the machine against voting, shall recanvass the vote thereon. Before making such recanvass, the superintendent shall give notice in writing to the custodian of voting machines, to each candidate, and to the county or municipal chairperson of each party or body affected by the recanvass. Each such candidate may be present in person or by representative, and each of such parties or bodies may send two representatives to be present at such recanvass. If, upon such recanvass, it shall be found that the original canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the machine and that the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the superintendent, with the assistance of the custodian, in the presence of the poll officers and the authorized candidates and representatives, shall unlock the voting and counting mechanism of the machine and shall proceed thoroughly to examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in returns from such machine. Each counter shall be reset at zero before it is tested, after which it shall be operated at least 100 times. After the completion of such examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement, in writing, giving in detail the result of the examination and test; and such statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed with the superintendent. If, upon such recanvass, it shall appear that the original canvass of the returns by the poll officers was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly; provided, however, that in the case of returns from any precinct wherein the primary or election was held by the use of a voting machine equipped with a mechanism for printing paper proof sheets, such proof sheets, if mutually consistent, shall be deemed to be prima-facie evidence of the result of the primary or election and to be prima facie accurate; and there shall not be considered to be any discrepancy or error in the returns from any such precinct, such as to require a recanvass of the vote, if all available proof sheets, from the voting machine used therein, identified to the satisfaction of the superintendent and shown to his or her satisfaction to have been produced from proper custody, shall be mutually consistent; and, if the general and duplicate returns, or either of such returns from such precincts shall not correspond with such proof sheets, they and all other papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected so as to correspond with such proof sheets in the absence of allegation of specific fraud or error proved

to the satisfaction of the superintendent by the weight of the evidence; and only in such case shall the vote of such precinct be recanvassed under this Code section.

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(1) Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared nominated for an office in a primary election or who has been declared elected to an office in an election or who has been declared eligible for a run-off primary or election and the number of votes received by any other candidate or candidates not declared so nominated or elected or eligible for a runoff shall be not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes which were cast for such office therein, any such candidate or candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes so that the difference between his or her vote and that of a candidate declared nominated, elected, or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, shall have the right to a recount of the votes cast, if such request is made in writing by the losing candidate. If the office sought is a federal or state office voted upon by the electors of more than one county, the request shall be made to the Secretary of State who shall direct that the recount be performed in all counties in which electors voted for such office and notify the superintendents of the several counties involved of the request. In all other cases, the request shall be made to the superintendent. The superintendent or superintendents shall order a recount of such votes to be made immediately. If, upon such recount, it is determined that the original count was incorrect, the returns and all papers prepared by the superintendent, the superintendents, or the Secretary of State shall be corrected accordingly and the results recertified.

(2) Whenever the difference between the number of votes for approval or rejection of a constitutional amendment or binding referendum question shall be not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes which were cast on such amendment or question therein, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board shall be authorized in its discretion to call for a recount of the votes cast with regard to such amendment or question. In the case of a constitutional amendment or state-wide referendum question or a question voted upon by the electors of more than one county, the board shall direct the Secretary of State to cause a recount to be performed with regard to such amendment or question in all counties involved and notify the superintendents of the recount. In the case of questions voted upon by the electors of only one county or municipality, the board shall direct the Secretary of State to cause a recount to be conducted by the county or municipality involved and the Secretary of State shall notify the superintendent involved of the recount. Upon notification, the superintendent or superintendents shall order a recount of such votes to be made immediately. If, upon such recount, it is determined that the original count was incorrect, the returns and all papers prepared by the superintendent, the superintendents, or the Secretary of State shall be corrected accordingly and the results recertified.

(d) Any other provision of this Code section to the contrary notwithstanding, a candidate for a federal or state office voted upon by the electors of more than one county may petition the Secretary of State for a recount or recanvass of votes, as appropriate, when it appears that a discrepancy or error, although not apparent on the face of the returns, has been made. The recount or recanvass may be ordered in the discretion of the Secretary of State in any and all counties in which electors voted for such office, and said recount or recanvass may be held at any time prior to the certification of the consolidated returns by the Secretary of State. A recount or recanvass shall be conducted by the appropriate superintendent or superintendents in the manner and pursuant to the procedures otherwise provided in this Code section for a recount or recanvass, as appropriate. The petition pursuant to this Code section shall be in writing and signed by the person or persons requesting the recount or recanvass. A petition shall set forth the discrepancies or errors and any evidence in support of the petitioner's request for a recount or recanvass and shall be verified. The Secretary of State may require the petitioner or other persons to furnish additional information concerning the apparent discrepancies or errors in the counting or canvassing of votes.

(e) The State Election Board shall be authorized to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section.

History

Ga. L. 1941, p. 432, §§ 1-4, 8; Ga. L. 1962, p. 678, § 1; Code 1933, § 34-1505, enacted by Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 26, § 1; Ga. L. 1969, p. 292, § 1; Ga. L. 1975, p. 806, § 1; Ga. L. 1976, p. 248, § 1; Ga. L. 1982, p. 1512, § 5; Ga. L. 1983, p. 140, § 1; Ga. L. 1986, p. 382, § 5; Ga. L. 1986, p. 855, § 5; Ga. L. 1987, p. 34, § 1; Ga. L. 1995, p. 1027, § 11; Ga. L. 1998, p. 295, § 1; Ga. L. 2001, p. 269, § 24; Ga. L. 2003, p. 517, § 56; Ga. L. 2011, p. 683, § 19/SB 82; Ga. L. 2019, p. 7, § 41/HB 316.